

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR SERVICES FROM SMALL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to start air services from small airports of the country;
- (b) the names of the small airports from where air services has been started during the last three years alongwith the names of the sectors on which such services have been started; and
- (c) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to start air service from Disa Airport?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):-Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region.It is however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.As such,the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.To increase the air connectivity between smaller cities,Government has now introduced the concept of scheduled regional airlines with a view to promote air connectivity within a region,expand air travel services for Tier II and Tier III cities and between specific regions.There are four regions identified as North, South, West,East/North-East coinciding with the Flight Information Regions (FIRs) as defined by the Airports Authority of India(AAI). The regional airlines are not permitted to operate on category I routes. However, the regional airlines of the southern region which has 3 metros would be allowed to operate between the metros within the southern region namely Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad.

(b) : - A t present,scheduled air services are available to/from following 79 cities:-Agartala, Agaati, Agra,Ahmedabad,Aizwal,Allahabad,Amritsar,Aurangabad,Bagdogra,bangalore,Belgaum,Bhavnagar, Bhopal,Bhubaneshwar,Bhuj,Calicut,Chandigarh,Chennai,Cochin,Coimbatore,Dehradun,Delhi,Dharamshala, Dibrugarh,Dimapur,Diu,Goa,Gorakhpur,Guwahati,Gwalior,Hubli,Hyderabad,Imphal,Indore,Jabalpur, Jaipur,Jammu,Jamnagar,Jamshedpur,Jodhpur,Jorhat,Kandla,Kanpur,Khajuraho,Kolhapur,Kolkata,Kullu, Leh,Lilabari,Lucknow,Madurai,Mangalore,Mumbai,Nagpur,Pathankot,Patna,Porbandar,Port Blair,Pune, Raipur,Rajamundry, Rajkot,Ranchi,Shillong,Shimla,Silchar,Srinagar,Surat,Thoise,Tirupati,Trichi, Trivandrum,Tuticorin,Udaipur,Vadodara,Varanasi,Vidyanagar,Vijayawada,Vizag.The information regarding names of the small airports from where air services has been started during the last three years alongwith the names of the sectors on which such services have been started are being collected.

(c):- At present, No Scheduled airline is operating any air service to/from Disa airport.However ,the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.